



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Darin R. Okerlund et al.)
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/708,564) Art Group Unit: 3736
FILED: March 11, 2004) Examiner: NYA
FOR: CARDIAC IMAGING SYSTEM AND) Confirmation No. 2563
METHOD FOR PLANNING MINIMALLY)
INVASIVE DIRECT CORONARY)
ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY)

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LETTER

Applicant hereby brings to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications having potentially related subject matter:

By such disclosure, Applicant does not waive and has no intent to waive any statutory right to maintain the secrecy of the above-referenced applications.

(121321 / GEM-0017) Application U.S.S.N. 10/063,064, "Method, System and Computer Product for Cardiac Interventional Procedure Planning", filed March 15, 2002 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(125974 / GEM-0053) Application U.S.S.N. 10/065,595, "Method and Apparatus for Medical Intervention Procedure Planning", filed November 1, 2002 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(133164 / GEM-0074) Application U.S.S.N. 10/249,815, "Cardiac CT System and Method for Planning and Treatment of Biventricular Pacing Using Epicardial Lead", filed May 9, 2003 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(133253 / GEM-0075) Application U.S.S.N. 10/249,783, “Cardiac CT System and Method for Planning Left Atrial Appendage Isolation”, filed May 7, 2003 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(133254 / GEM-0078) Application U.S.S.N. 10/249,812, “Cardiac CT System and Method for Planning Atrial Fibrillation Intervention”, filed May 9, 2003 by Darin R. Okerlund et al.

(138162 / GEM-0079) Application U.S.S.N. 10/605,903, “Cardiac Imagining System and Method for Quantification of Desynchrony of Ventricles for Biventricualr Pacing”, filed November 5, 2003 by Shankara Bonthu Reedy et al.

(138161 / GEM-0080) Application U.S.S.N. 10/691,314, “Method, Apparatus and Product for Acquiring Cardiac Images”, filed October 22, 2003 by Marc Burrell et al.

(144213 / GEM-0099) Application U.S.S.N. 10/707,993, “Method, Apparatus and Product for Acquiring Cardiac Images”, filed January 30, 200 by Marc Burrell et al.

(158982 / GEM-0163) Application U.S.S.N. 10/710,923, “Method and Apparatus for Medical Intervention Procedure Planning and Location and Navigation of Intervention Tool”, filed August 12, 2004 by Melissa A. Vass et al.

(156765 / GEM-0161) Application U.S.S.N. 10/964,428, “Method and Apparatus for Registering 3D Models of Anatomical Regions of a Heart and a Tracking System with Projection Images of an Interventional Fluoroscopic System”, filed October 13, 2004 by Régis Vaillant et al.

(156764 / GEM-0162) Application U.S.S.N. 10/964,429, “Method and Apparatus for Registering 3D Models of Anatomical Regions with Projection Images of the Same”, filed October 13, 2004 by Régis Vaillant et al.

Applicant believes there is no fee associate with this Letter. However, if there are any additional charges with respect to this Letter or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0845 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

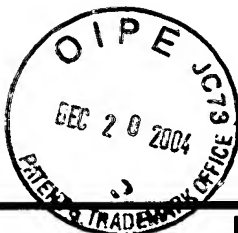
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

ATTY. DOCKET NUMBER 144726 SERIAL NUMBER 10/708,564 FILED 03/11/2004
FIRST INVENTOR: Okerlund et al. TITLE Cardiac Imaging System and Method
for Planning Minimally Invasive Direct Coronary Artery Bypass
Surgery EXAMINER NYA ART UNIT 3736

1. ☒ Applicant submits herewith a copy of (a) attached form PTO-1449, which lists all patents, publications, applications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office; (b) a legible copy of each document required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98(b)(2).
2. ☐ Applicant herein apprises the Patent Office of references cited in a parent U.S. application from which this application obtains the benefit of an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. The Serial Number of the parent application is U.S. Application _____ filed _____ and entitled _____.
The publications cited therein are listed on attached Form PTO-1449. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) copies of the listed publications are not required. ☐ Additional parent patent applications are listed on an attached sheet.
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10. ☒ In the event the Commissioner of Patents deems that any additional fee is required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this application, Applicant's attorneys authorize that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 07-0845.
11. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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